Sciences, New Delhi, to equip them to carry out regulatory inspections of clinical trials.

Introduction of Trains running 100 Km. per Hour

*144. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a)whether Government have any proposal to introduce trains in Andhra Pradesh which run at 100 Km. per hour;

(b)if so, whether Government have identified any routes for this purpose;

(c)if so, the details thereof;

(d)whether Government have conducted any trial before introducing these trains;

(e)if so, the details thereof;

(f) the time-frame set to introduce these trains; and

(g)the details of extra expenditure likely to be incurred for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) to (c) Railways are already running trains at 100 kmph and above in Andhra Pradesh on the following sections:

1. Balharshah-Vijayawada-Chennai
2. Vijayawada-Visakhapatnam-lchchapuram
3. Wadi-Secunderabad-Kazipet
4. Wadi-Guntakal-Arakkonam
5. Gooty-Dharmavaram-Bangalore
6. Gudur-Renigunta-Tirupati
7. Pagidipalli-Nadikude-Guntur
8. Guntur-Tenali
9. Guntur-Dhone
10. Secunderabad-Dhone-Guntakal
11. Vijayawada-Gudivada
12. Guntakal-Bellary
13. Samalkot-Kakinda Port
14. Bangalore-Jolarpettai

(d) and (e) Speeds are increased on any section after conducting Oscillograph and Track recording car trial runs and obtaining sanction from the Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS).

(f) Introduction of these trains is an ongoing process hence no time frame has been set.

(g) Upgradation of a section for higher speed involves improvement in track, rolling stock, signalling and other infrastructure. This varies from project to project, therefore, details of the extra expenditure cannot be specified.

Ban on smoking scenes in films and TV serials

*145. SHRI LALIT SURI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have imposed a ban on smoking scenes in films and Television serials with effect from 2nd October, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of film industry, if any, received by Government; and

(d) how Government propose to tackle foreign films having smoking scenes released in theatres?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (d) Based on the WHO study that 76% of the Indian movies portrayed tobacco consumption and existence of a strong linkage between films and youth behaviour;the Cohort study published in the Lancet (2003) revealing that 52% of smoking initiation amongst children can be attributed to exposure to smoking in films; and the provisions contained in the "The Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003" prohibiting any person to promote the use or -consumption of tobacco products, the Government of India notified on 31.05.2005 "The Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products [Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution (Amendment)] Rules, 2005" imposing a ban on display of tobacco products and their usage in movies/television. This is in addition to the existing provisions under the Cinematograph Act, 1952 read with rules framed thereunder to the effect that scenes fending to encourage, justify or glamorize consumption of tobacco or smoking are not shown. In a recent study on "Exposure to movie smoking: Its relations to smoking initiation among US adolescents", published in PEDIATRICS, corroborates that smoking in movies is a risk factor for smoking initiation among US